

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Hiroki KUSAKABE, et al.

Application No.: 10/825,217

Filed: April 16, 2004



Customer Number: 20277  
 Confirmation Number: 8308  
 Group Art Unit: 1745  
 Examiner: Williams, Shermanda L.

For: METHOD FOR OPERATING POLYMER ELECTROLYTE FUEL CELL

Mail Stop Amendment  
 Commissioner for Patents  
 P.O. Box 1450  
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

No additional fee is required.  
 Applicant is entitled to small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27  
 Also attached:

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE
Total Claims	11	20	0	\$50.00 =	\$0.00
Independent Claims	2	3	0	\$200.00 =	\$0.00
Multiple dependent claims newly presented					\$0.00
Fee for extension of time					\$0.00
					\$0.00
Total of Above Calculations					\$0.00

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 500417, including any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for presentation of extra claims and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 26, 2006, having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire April 26, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows.